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APPLICATIONS FOR DATA RECOVERY USING STORAGE
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Please expressly abandon the above-identified application as of the filing date of this paper.

The express abandonment of this application is merely being undertaken as a procedural option by Applicant in favor of prosecuting a pending continuation application (Serial No. 11/365,085), and should not to be construed as a waiver of rights or an admission that the claimed subject matter is not patentable. Applicant is merely taking advantage of this procedural option to pursue claims that it believes it is entitled to in the other pending application rather than proceeding with this application at the present time.

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In other words, although the application is being abandoned, the invention to which the application is directed is not being abandoned. Applicant reserves the right to file similar or identical claims in one or more applications in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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